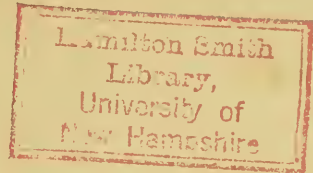


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FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

GREENFIELD, N. H.,

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SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the provision of the statutes, the Superintendent of the Common Schools of Greenfield, presents the following report :

Knowing that you value the interest of our common schools and proper culture of the youth of our town, by the appropriation you made at our last annual meeting, in addition to what the law requires, it now becomes my duty to report to you the apparent success of the outlay. Had all of our schools been a perfect success, it would have been no unpleasant task. I think we ought not to be satisfied with our effort, and yet it should be no disparagement to affect our future outlays. If we have not received all the benefit from the \$714 00, which we have expended the past year, that we could have desired, we must still go forward ; but with more caution and prudence, in the future. The manufacturing company does not slacken effort in a lucrative undertaking, because of an occasional disaster ; nor does the strong-hearted farmer withhold his hand from the plough this season, because he gathered last year but a meagre harvest.

District No. 1

School taught by Miss Calista C. Hodge, of Jaffrey. The parents of this district exhibited much interest in their school, by visiting, and the punctual attendance of their children, and the few instances of tardiness recorded is commendable to parents and scholars. There was good improvement.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher, who, having given satisfaction in the summer, was secured for the winter term. The improvement was not so marked as at the previous term. She may have labored with equal fidelity. We think her kind and suasive manner may be better adapted to the improvement of the elements of summer school, than those collected in the winter.

District No. 2.

Summer term, taught by Miss Etta F. Savage. This teacher gave evidence of interest in teaching, which contributed much to the interest of the school. Kind feelings and studiousness prevailed in the school room, and sustaining efforts on the part of parents outside, enabled the teacher to accomplish much that was commendable to the school.

Winter term, taught by Miss Augusta Caldwell, of Alstead. Under the direction of a teacher of so much experience and education, we should naturally expect a good school, and with a little more energy and spirit, our expectations might have been realized.—As it was, some of the classes appeared quite well at the examination.

District No. 3.

Both summer and winter terms taught by Miss Josie Clark, of Wilton. This teacher has been employed in the same school for three successive terms, which implies that the district values her services.— Few female teachers are able to govern a village school successfully so many consecutive terms.— Judging from the appearance of the school at the examination, we should say it had been well governed and taught. This school, at this time, is mostly composed of small scholars. Some have laid well the foundation of a good education, and with proper training and encouragement from parents and friends of education, will become scholars of which the town may well be proud.

District No. 4.

Under the care of Bennington committee, which furnished the scholars, save one, who attended thirteen days. Greenfield furnished \$49 94, equal to \$3 94 2-13 per day for this one scholar. Would it not be policy for Greenfield to unite this district with Nos. 3 and 8?

Districts Nos. 5 & 8.

Summer term, taught by Miss Emma F. Robertson. It is often thought that a young teacher cannot succeed well in her own district. This proved untrue, we think, in this instance at least. The discipline and improvement would not suffer by comparison with any school in town.

Money schooled out in No. 5. Winter term taught by Miss Clara Thayer, of Peterboro'. This school was

not visited at its close. I was disappointed in not learning the right day. When visited at its commencement, I was much pleased with the order, energy and method of this school. Inquiries made of those interested who had the means of knowing, gave me to understand that it was a term of great profit to the children and honor to the teacher.

District No. 6.

One term—taught by Miss Jennie Marden, of Francetown. This school was not visited at its commencement by the superintending committee, but was by the prudential committee at both commencement and close; and he gave it as his opinion that “it was a term of great, if not the greatest profit to the district they have had for a long time.” And judging from the appearance of the school at its close, we should think Miss Marden was influenced by a higher motive than mere pay,—a desire to do good, which she did to the satisfaction of the district.

District No. 7.

Summer term, taught by Miss Jennie Marden, of Francetown. This school had been in session some weeks when I received my appointment. I visited it at its close, and found that it had been under the care of a teacher who needs but little looking after by committees. Her earnest method of instruction seconded by parents and pupils, crowned her efforts with success. There is now a subscription school in session in this district, taught by this valued teacher

District No. 9.

School taught by Miss Augusta L. Baldwin. This district has but one term a year, and labors under a disadvantage for want of more scholars. This was Miss Baldwin's second term in this district, and the quiet and orderly deportment of the pupils made it a pleasant term to the teacher and satisfactory to the district.

District No. 10.

Summer term, taught by Miss Abbie J. Kidder, of Francestown. This teacher infused her own spirit and energy into the minds of her pupils. The promptness and accuracy observable, showed that the powers of the children had been brought into vigorous exercise.

Winter term, taught by Maria L. Huntley, of Peterboro'. This was her first school, and she gave satisfaction. She promises much usefulness as an instructress. The well kept and well filled register showed care and accuracy.

Prudential Committee.

District No. 1, H. S. LOWE.

“ “ 2, JOSEPH BLANCHARD.

“ “ 3, G. J. WHITTEMORE.

“ “ 4, H. ROGERS.

“ “ 5 & 8, A. JONES.

“ “ 6, S. CRAGIN.

“ “ 7, L. S. HOLT.

“ “ 9, (Not reported.)

“ “ 10, F. GOULD.

In closing, I would invite the earnest consideration of every citizen to the subject of co-operation of parents and teachers, in view of the important influence such a course would exert upon the prosperity of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FLETCHER, S. S. COM.

Greenfield, March 9, 1869.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RENDERED FEBRUARY 25, 1869.

Assessed upon the ratable polls and estates of the residents, and upon the estates of non-residents of the town of Greenfield, for the year 1868,	\$4934 53
Received of the taxes assessed,	\$4431 75
Collector Lewis, 1866,	10 82
" Hardy, 1867,	269 82
Literary fund,	30 78
Savings bank tax,	142 79
R. R. percentage,	34 52
National bank tax,	93 18
Income of town farm (previous to sale),	93 65
Real estate and personal property (by auction),	1713 62
Cash on loans,	4375 00
Nelson Woods, for cow,	61 00
John H. Reynolds, interest on taxes,	23 32
Treasurer of 1867,	251 02
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	\$11531 27

State and County Tax.

State tax,	\$1406 25
County tax,	480 50
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	\$1886 75

Paid School Orders.

District No. 1,	\$77 73	District No. 6,	\$59 09
" " 2,	77 66	" " 7,	78 12
" " 3,	185 43	" " 9,	40 26
" " 4,	49 94	" " 10,	57 50
" " 5 and 8,	86 80		<hr/>
			\$712 53

Breaking Roads.

William Savage,	\$5 40	Elijah Woodard,	\$26 68
Francis Gould,	2 00	Butler Jones,	8 05
Henry S. Low,	10 20	Zebediah Peavey,	1 50
Rufus Hardy,	10 00	Frank Brooks,	7 12
George L. Clement,	6 90	Leonard Bailey,	6 70
Samuel Fisher,	8 75	Nahum Russell,	20 70
John Grimes,	7 05	Ira Straw,	6 15
John R. Russell,	4 35	Isaac B. Farrington,	4 20
Joseph Blanchard,	5 00	Daniel Flynn,	2 50
Charles S. Low,	2 40	Douglass R. Gould,	3 89
Reuben A. Dutton,	10 00	Wm. Russell,	10 00
Daniel Sawyer,	90	James T. Robertson,	2 70
Benj. Pollard,	2 78	George P. Holt,	3 30
Frank C. Fletcher,	19 25	John Fletcher,	10 85
George W. French,	9 38	Ambrose Gould,	3 30
George Wilcox,	6 05	Luke E. Burt,	8 50
Sidney Hardy,	7 40		
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			\$243 95
Paid notes and interest,			\$6265 00
Paid interest on notes now held against the town,			\$634 83

Miscellaneous Town Expenses.

Paid John R. Russell, labor on Gulf road,	\$6 75
Wm. P. Freeman, watering place,	3 00
Benj. Hardy, " "	3 00
John D. Wilson, " "	3 00
John R. Russell, expense on Dennis bridge,	3 89
Dennis Rogers, wood for town house,	3 00
G. P. Fletcher, clerkship,	15 00
" " " treasurer,	12 00
" " " grass seed,	6 08
" " " broom, town house,	35
Isaac B. Farrington, snowing bridge,	2 35
Daniel Flynn, wood for town house,	4 50
George E. Bailey, room rent,	2 00
" " " taking care town house,	5 00
Rufus Hardy, collecting taxes 1867,	50 00
H. Cudworth, making deeds and stamps,	3 50
Nahum Russell, labor on road,	50
" " repairing town hall,	75 00
" " wood work outside,	3 00
" " plastering town hall,	40 00
" " extra glass on hand,	2 50
" " interest on bills,	3 50
John Fletcher, services as S. S. committee,	25 00
Nahum Russell, expense paid for counsel,	6 00
Morrison & Stanley, counsel and expense,	15 00
Lewis Richardson for support of poor,	175 65
" " expense of Sylvester Center, previous to	
June 18, 1868,	232 12
Lewis Richardson, services as overseer of poor,	38 00

Wm. Wilson, sawing wood for town house.	\$3 00
“ “ postage,	80
Levi S. Holt, use of bull,	1 00
William Holt, land damage,	3 00
Alfred W. Savage, select services,	65 00
Nahum Russell, “ “	50 00
John R. Russell,	55 00
Express Bill,	55
A. W. Savage, obtaining copy of deed of town farm,	89
“ “ “ 7 bush. potatoes,	5 25
Charles S. Low, for pigs, &c., at town farm,	15 25
“ “ “ hay sold at auction,	77 59
“ “ “ turkeys and chickens,	9 20
Frank Brooks, 2 cows,	125 00
Printing reports, 1868,	15 00
Stationery and books,	7 57
Earle Searles, for flax seed,	1 25
George E. Messer, injury to horse,	30 00
G. P. Fletcher, obtaining copy of deed of plain land,	68
Cleaning town hall,	3 25
H. Cudworth, affidavit,	42
Expense of auction sale at farm,	37 12
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	\$1246 51

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received,	\$11531 27
Whole amount paid out,	10989 57
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Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$541 70
Town Liabilities,	\$12225 00

Demands in favor of the Town.

Due on collector Burnham's lists of 1862-3,	\$2 90
With the following abatements :	
Levi Holt,	54
Hermon Abbott, on parsonage,	1 18
Philip Fletcher,	1 18
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	\$2 90
Due on collector's list of 1864,	\$13 91
With the following abatements :	
Luke Felch,	88
Dennis Healy,	1 20
Miles Robinson,	2 79
Nathaniel R. Spofford,	1 18
Samuel M. Wilson,	88
Jeremiah Driscoll,	60
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	\$7 53
Amount due after deducting abatements,	\$6 38
Due on collector's list of 1865,	\$8 24
With the following abatements :	
Leonard Barton,	\$3 41
Ira Cummings,	3 41
Dennis Healy,	1 42
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	\$8 24

Due on Collector's list of 1866, \$45 33

With the following abatements :

Hubert B. Lee,	5 64
George E. Messer,	10 88
William H. Powers,	5 41
Samuel M. Wilson,	3 00
Leonard Barton,	4 08
Stephen Bailey,	4 08
William Winn,	4 08
Ira Cummings,	4 08
Luke Felch,	4 08

————\$45 33

Due on Collector's list of 1867, \$36 96

With the following abatements :

David S. Draper,	4 39
Wm. H. Powers,	4 39
Langdell B. Cummings,	4 39

————\$13 17

\$23 79

Amount now due,

Due on Collector's list of 1868, \$492 78

With the following abatements :

John D. Butler, overtax,	1 84
Langdell Cummings,	2 76
Harvey Dickinson,	8 28
Amos Foster, overtax,	15 64
Town Farm,	25 72
Alexander Grover,	4 86
Levi Holt,	2 76
Eugene LaClare,	2 76
Miles Robinson,	2 76
Stephen Richardson,	2 76
Heirs of Henry Spaulding, overtax,	13 44
Samuel M. Wilson,	2 76
Widow Sarah Wallace,	1 84
Daniel F. Hutchinson, overtax,	92

————\$89 10

Amount now due, \$403 68

Demands in favor of the town due on tax lists, \$433 85

Due from City of Manchester, 19 00

“ “ United States, 920 00

“ “ Benjamin W. Hardy, 1000 00

Balance in hands of Treasurer, 541 70

————\$2914 55

Amount of town liabilities, \$12225 00

Assets, 2914 55

Balance against the town, \$9310 45

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. SAVAGE, } Selectmen
 NAHUM RUSSELL, } of
 JOHN R. RUSSELL, } Greenfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Paid J. C. P. Draper a bill of goods bought of Tarbell & Son, for cloth, shoes, &c., for Fifield girl,	\$4 54
Draper for balance of board and repairing clothes up to March 24, 1868,	46
G. P. Fletcher, for school books for Fifield girl,	1 01
James H. Brooks, board of Fifield girl 1 year,	26 00
“ “ “ for bonnet stock,	56
“ “ “ stockings, &c.,	1 10
J. H. Tarbell & Son, for a woollen cape, F. girl,	1 50
Betsey Bean, making 2 dresses, F. girl,	1 03
G. P. Fletcher, for cloth, shoes, hood, &c., girl,	4 36
	— 40 56
For Fifield boy at C. S. Low's, suit of clothes bot. of Tarbell, E. Wilton,	6 00
C. S. Low, for summer hat for boy,	25
Tarbell, E. Wilton, suit clothes in fall for boy,	8 50
G. P. Fletcher, for cloth, boots, school books, &c.,	5 50
Betsey Bean, making shirts, Fifield boy,	50
	— 20 75
Isaac K. Davis, Wilton, board of Sylvester Center, County of Hillsboro', board of S. Center from June 18 to Sept. 15, 12 5-7 weeks,	4 07
	25 43
	— 29 50
For Hannah Lee, Harvey Nichols and family, provisions, doctoring and nursing, while sick in Francetown,	84 84
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Cost of Poor,	\$175 65
Received of town to balance account,	\$175 65
Respectfully submitted,	

LEWIS RICHARDSON, Overseer of Poor, Greenfield.

February 22, 1869.

Plastic Slate

FOR

ROOFING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

The process of reconstructing Slate Stone from a disintegrated state was patented February 21st, 1865. It is a combination of

Pulverized Slate and Viscous Matter,

and is a development of one of the simple but unalterable tendencies of nature.

As a Roofing material, it stands unrivalled. It adapts itself to every shape and slope. Non-combustible, impervious, non-expansive and undecaying.

Frost does not crack nor heat dissolve it. The only Roofing material ever discovered that will resist the action of the elements as long as the structure it protects. It is unequalled as a coating for railroad and farm buildings, fences, bridges, bottoms of vessels, vaults, &c.

IMPORTANT LEGAL TESTIMONY

REFERRING TO PLASTIC SLATE.

Last June, a case arose in a District Court in the State of Indiana, which required legal testimony concerning the nature of Plastic Slate and its qualities as a roofing material. A commissioner was chosen by the parties in the City of New York, before whom the depositions were taken, and I now present a part of two of them for your consideration.

Prof. Charles S. Stone's Testimony.

My name is Charles S. Stone. I reside in New York City. I am professor of chemistry and Physics at the Cooper Union in this city.

Question. For what reason do you ascribe to this material (Plastic Slate) its good qualities for roofing and other purposes?

Answer. Its good qualities as a roofing material are due: first, to its imperviousness to water, and unchangeableness on exposure. Second, its quality of non-combustibility, which is equal to pure slate, and its more permanent cohesiveness under the action of powerful heat. Third, its antiseptic action upon the wood to which it is applied, by reason of the creosote always present in coal tar, which will penetrate the wood more or less, exercising a preserving influence on it.

As a disinfectant, coal tar contains one of the most powerful agents of that class, namely, carbolic acid; and, until that has all evaporated, the air in the vicinity of a roof covered with this material, will be more or less under the influence of its disinfecting and purifying qualities.

CHARLES S. STONE.

Prof. Ridgeway's Testimony.

My name is Thomas S. Ridgeway. I reside in Boston, Mass. I am professor of geology and mining engineering.

Question. If you mix coal tar and finely pulverized slate together, and expose the mixture to the sun and air what will be the result?

Answer. If the slate is argillaceous slate, and intimately mixed in proper proportions, it will produce a composition similar to natural bituminous argillaceous slate.

Q. Will this composition be liable in time to separate or dissolve by the action of air, sun or water?

A. It cannot change chemically after it has arrived at its maximum degree of hardness, but it may wear out in the course of time from the friction of rain water and walking upon the roof.

Q. Please state what you know of this material as a protection against fire.

A. If the materials are properly mixed, it is perfectly fire proof. It is superior to sheet slate in this respect, from the fact that there are interstices between the sheets of slate admitting air to sustain a fire when the rafters and sheeting boards are on fire, whereas the plastic slate adheres to the sheetings and is air tight, and prevents the air from rushing in.

Q. Do you regard plastic slate as a valuable roofing material?

A. Yes sir, very valuable if properly made.

Q. Have you any pecuniary interest in this invention?

A. No.

THOMAS S. RIDGEWAY.

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Not to Wrinkle, Puff or Crack!**

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